



Health Care Planning and Accountability Advisory Council

Monday, April 15, 2013 10:00 a.m.

Department of Health, Department Operations Center

Co-Chairmen: Steven Costantino, Secretary, Executive Office of Health & Human Services; Christopher Koller, Commissioner, Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner

Attendees: Ken Belcher; Jodi Bourque, Esq.; Al Charbonneau; Michael Fine, MD; Herbert Gray; Jane Hayward; Gail Costa (for Dennis Keefe); Eve Keenan, Ed.D, RN; Dale Klaztker, Ph.D.; Mark Montella (for Timothy Babineau, MD); Stacy Paterno (for Peter Andruszkiewicz); Ed Quinlan

Regrets: Alyn Adrain, MD; Douglas Bennett; Nicki Cicogna; Patricia Flanagan, MD; Marie Ganim, Ph.D; Robert Hartman; Gloria Hincapie; George Nee; Donna Policastro, RNP; Sandra Powell; Louis Rice, MD; and Fox Wetle, Ph.D.

Staff in Attendance: Michael Dexter, Chief, Office of Health Systems Development, Department of Health; Kim Paull, Director of Analytics, Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner; Elizabeth Shelov, Chief, Family Health Systems, Executive Office of Health & Human Services

Dan Meuse, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Introduction

The Council meeting was convened at 10:05 a.m. by Steven Costantino, Secretary of the Executive Office of Health & Human Services.

Secretary Costantino began the meeting by seeking public comments. There were none.

The minutes from the March 11, 2013 Council meeting were approved as written, with no additions or corrections.

The purpose of today's meeting is to adopt the Council's report in order to transmit it to the Rhode Island General Assembly. The draft report was circulated to the Council prior to today's meeting. Five sets of comments were received. All comments were inserted into an annotated copy available to Council members. For discussion purposes, today the Council will work from the annotated copy.

A suggestion was made to remove all recommendations that the Council has not seen before or fully discussed. For example, Mr. Quinlan pointed out that the \$100 million estimate contained in finding #5 of the Hospital Gap Analysis Findings was not the conclusion of the Council. Mr. Gray indicated that the Business Group on Health proposed its recommendation related to finding #6 in the past even though the Council did not specifically discuss it. (The recommendation supported the creation of a special hospital commission similar to the Base Re-alignment Commission that the military used to close military bases). Mr. Montella indicated that such comments may have been seen but not discussed by the Council.

The question was raised about scheduling another meeting to more fully discuss the report before it is transmitted to the General Assembly. Attorney Bourque recommended not adopting the Business Group on Health's recommendation (as above) and to discuss further. Mr. Charbonneau indicated that the report is lacking as it relates to certain statistics and calculations (e.g., outpatient expenses are not equivalent to inpatient expenses). He indicated that the report is not perfect but that it represents real progress.

One recommendation made was that the next round of planning be steeped in data. Dr. Fine reminded the group that this is the beginning of the planning discussion.

Mr. Belcher directed the group back to the statute where the Council's charge is set forth. He would like the report to move forward.

Mr. Montella indicated that the Council made a strong statement about hospital inpatient capacity that has been raised many times and a process has been set forth for discussing.

Commissioner Koller suggested that the policy options related to finding #6 be a priority for future council work. The recommendation was made that the policy options regarding finding #6 (BRAC options noted above) come out. Mr. Gray opposed this recommendation. There were no abstentions. All others were in favor. The policy options related to finding #6 will be removed from the draft.

Vote on Council's report to the General Assembly: There was a motion made by Dr. Eve Keenan to adopt the report as amended. Attorney Bourque abstained. (Mr. Montella indicated that he would abstain, if permitted to vote, but as he is not an appointed member of the Council, he cannot vote on the report). All others present were in favor. The report was approved for transmittal to the General Assembly.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Health Care Planning and Accountability Advisory Council is scheduled for: **Monday, May 13, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room "A" at the Department of Administration**, One Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island 02908. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss next steps for the Council's work.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Notes prepared and respectfully submitted by:



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